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REMARKS

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1. At about 1 p.m. on 15 September 1953, there was intensive air activity by MiG-15 and U-MiG-15s at Laerz airfield. Four aircraft were observed in the eastern section of the field and an estimated 30 to 40 aircraft were in the southwestern corner.
2. Between noon and 2 p.m. on 25 September, no air activity was observed at the field. The Kniferest-type radar set on Sprottsche Mountain, which had an angle of inclination of about 60 degrees to the west was not in operation. Some propeller-driven aircraft and about 40 swept-back jet fighters were parked at the field. Sign boards in the surroundings of the field indicated that the area was off limits to western military commissions.<sup>1</sup>                      another airfield was located north of Sprottsche Mountain, as an aircraft was observed landing there. 2
3. On 26 September, a column of 15 to 20 tank trucks with trailers,                      trucks,                      occupied by officers, EM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, female soldiers, and some carrying tent equipment; and 2 sedans                      occupied by officers. 3

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1.              Comment. Laerz airfield is believed to be still occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments with a total of 65 to 70 MiG-15s. A portion of the aircraft is probably parked in the aircraft revetments. Once in early September 1953, a total occupation strength of about 70 MiG-15s was observed at the field. The Kniferest-type radar set has been repeatedly observed at the field.
2.              Comment. The airfield                      north of Sprottsche Mountain is the former German test field near Rechlin-Roggenthin, south-southeast of Mueritz Lake, about 2.5 kilometer south of Klopzow. The airfield is serviceable for conventional aircraft.
3.              Comment. The purpose of the transport is not known. The motor vehicle                      belong to the air force                      assigned to the Third Shock Army. There are no indications as to which units the motor vehicles belong.

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